Pennsylvania (PARA) Alpine Officials 2010-2011 Report

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**Ski Racing Season Highlights:**

The 2010-2011 Alpine Ski Racing season in PA was one of the best seasons in several years. There was abundant amount of natural snow and when it wasn’t, it was always cold enough to make snow; except when it came to end of the season. Several of the state championship races required the ROC to compress extra runs into the same day and in the case of the J4/J5 championships the entire race series into one very “very” long day.

There was some anxiety/concern by the ROCs about how they could run J1 thru J5 Slalom races that had always run on the same course in the past, which now due to rule changes were no longer allowed.

PARA also began a gatekeeping program which has successfully certified 44 gate judges and 12 chief gate judges. One of our Alpine Officials Bill Filling developed this excellent program. Here are some of the details.

Recognizing that the fairness of ski racing is often determined by the quality of the gate judging, PARA and its member clubs have created this program to give gate judges an opportunity to increase their knowledge. Volunteers will become eligible for additional incentives at some races if they choose the option of becoming a certified Gate Judge or certified Chief Gate Judge. For more detail you can visit <http://www.srrclub.org/para_gate_judge.htm>

PARA continues to loose Technical Delegates. For example, one of our TDs moved back to Colorado. Another one had knee surgery and was unable to work at all this season and another TD (yours truly) slipped in his driveway in the beginning of December and broke his ankle therefore, being unable to officiate until the end of February. PARA now has about a dozen active Technical Delegates, so there was a concerted effort to recruit new TDs to increase our ranks. I am happy to report that I will be putting forward two TD candidates for nomination by this committee.

**Educational Opportunities:**

This year PARA Alpine Officials provided four general Alpine Officials workshops, geographically dispersed throughout the state. They were held at Roundtop, Wisp, Camelback, and Tussey Mountain (121 participants attended). Again, the senior TDs held several AO updates to the membership of individual ski clubs throughout the season (estimated 75+). Special thanks to John McGregor, Dick Sawyer and Bill Filling for their help in educating the alpine officials in PARA.

By using the PARA AO Website [http://scis.nova.edu/~rlipton/para/default.htm](http://scis.nova.edu/~rlipton/para/default.htm%20), the Alpine Officials community was updated throughout the season. All AOs and ROC volunteers could access this website to retrieve the most recent versions of all USSA forms and documents and to find out about other pertinent updates, rule changes, clarifications and other timely information useful to the AO community.

This year, PARA used a Google Docs “document” for scheduling Technical Delegates for the various races. Using Google docs let the TDs schedule their own race preferences and referee’s choice. This worked very well and it also allowed the AO and ROC community to view the staffing assignments and status of the races.

PARA also embraced the use of Live-Timing in real-time whenever possible to instantly update coaches and parents of the race results as it was going on.

**Ski Racing Statistics:**

**PARA Calendared Thirty four (34) J1-J5, Master, Senior, (Men & Women) Races**

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| **Month & Year** | **Number of Races** **Mens and Women counted as one race**  |
| December 2010 | 2 |
| January 2011   | 17 |
| February 2011    | 13 |
| March 2011 | 2 |

**Races Continued:**

 **8 Were scored
15 Were non-scored
11 Were both**

**For the 10-11 Ski Season, PARA has 12 Active Technical Delegates who worked at least one race.**

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| 2 TD’s Officiated 5 races  |
| 2 TD’s Officiated 4 races   |
| 3 TD’s Officiated 3 races |
| 2 TD’s Officiated 2 races |
| 3 TD's Officiated 1 races (1 out of state TD) |

**Upgrades and Promotions** *(By the Numbers)*

332 Alpine Officials Registered in PA (increase of 10 over last year)

37 Exams Administered

34 Referee (29 Passed)

3 Timing & Calculations Level 1 (2 Passed)

4 Chief of Race (3 Passed)

1 Chief of Course

4 Race Administrator

2 Technical Delegates 1

There are 61 PARA Alpine Officials recommended for promotion to a level 1 or 2 for 2010-2011 year

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| **Classification**  | **Number of Requests** |
| **CC** : CHIEF OF COURSE | 1 |
| **CO** : COMPETITION OFFICIAL | 6 |
| **CR** : CHIEF OF RACE | 3 |
| **DM** : DATA MANAGEMENT | 0 |
| **JA** : JURY ADVISOR | 28 |
| **RA** : RACE ADMINISTRATOR | 3 |
| **RF** : REFEREE | 26 |
| **TC** : TIMING AND CALCULATIONS | 2 |
| **TD :** TECHNICAL DELEGATE | 2 |
| **Total** | **71** |

**Level 3 or 4 PARA AO Upgrades Requested 2010-2011**

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| **Classification** | **Number of Requests** |
| **TD :** TECHNICAL DELEGATE | 1 |
| **2010-2011 Alpine Officials Upgrades** |
| **USSA ID** | **Officials Name** | **Club Name** | **St** | **Season** | **Last Clinic (Seas)** | **CC**  | **CO**  | **CR**  | **DM**  | **JA**  | **RA**  | **RF**  | **TC**  | **TD**  |
| **4817045** | **Andrew Backlund** | **Jack Frost/ Big Bold** | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5124482** | **Jeffrey Beinhaur** | **Ski Roundtop Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  | **1** |  | **2** |  |  |  |  |
| **5344064** | **Joe Bender** | **Ski Roundtop Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  | **2** |  |  | **2** |  |  | **1** |  |
| **5798715** | **Chris Braun** | **Ski Roundtop Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5533583** | **Adam Cota** | **Tussey Mountain Alpine**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5615893** | **Frederick Craft** | **Ski Roundtop Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **2** |
| **5270897** | **John Delong** | **Jack Frost/ Big Bold** | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **6327473** | **Kendra Florczak** |  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5345707** | **Ted Fridirici** | **Ski Roundtop Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5081781** | **Sarah Geiger** |  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  | **2** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **4435483** | **Trevor Gilotti** | **Blue Mountain Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  | **2** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **5450200** | **Julia Glover** | **Tussey Mountain**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |  |  |  |
| **5324280** | **Wesley Grover** | **Ski Roundtop**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5558077** | **Marianna Grudziak** |  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **6308289** | **William Hosie** | **Camelback Ski**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |  |  |  |
| **5788997** | **Matthew Kenney** | **Tussey Mountain Alpine**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **6273560** | **David Kingston** | **Liberty Mountain**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** | **1** |  |
| **5111018** | **Todd Klinger** | **Ski Roundtop Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **4996856** | **Sean Kondziela** |  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5822515** | **Sean Kump** | **Tussey Mountain Alpine** | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **4781340** | **Timothy Kunkel** | **Blue Mountain Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  |  |  | **2** |  |  |
| **6239161** | **Mimi Legro** | **Ski Roundtop Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **6083430** | **Dennis MacCrory** | **Liberty Mountain**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5868369** | **Gregory Martin** | **Camelback Ski Team** | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **6305546** | **Kevin Malkin** | **Camelback Ski Team** | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5247218** | **Ralph Manson** | **Hidden Valley Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5103072** | **John McGregor** |  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **4** |
| **4998274** | **Reece McGregor** | **Bear Creek Race** | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  | **2** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **6218171** | **Allan Miles** | **Ski Roundtop Race** | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5242029** | **Kelsey Newell** | **Camelback Ski Team** | **PA** | **2011** | **2010** |  |  |  |  | **2** |  |  |  |  |
| **5531116** | **Robert Ost** | **Elk Mountain Ski**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2010** |  | **2** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **4562336** | **Matthew Pettit** | **Jack Frost/ Big Bold** | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  | **1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **5926092** | **George Pope** | **Ski Roundtop Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5168166** | **Curt Schramm** | **Ski Sawmill Race**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |
| **6329496** | **Chris Shumeyko** |  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **4987350** | **Adam Skahan** | **Jack Frost/ Big Bold** | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **6321912** | **Jonathan Tate** | **Ski Roundtop Race** | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5825914** | **David Vanlandingham** | **Tussey Mountain**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5531660** | **Patrick Wende** | **Elk Mountain Ski**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  | **1** |  | **1** |  |  |
| **5940747** | **Bruce Wickersham** | **Elk Mountain Ski**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |
| **6286883** | **Gary Wilhelm** | **Deep Creek Winter**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |  |
| **6111280** | **Mike Yost** | **Liberty Mountain**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** | **1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2714392** | **Kurt Zwally** | **Liberty Mountain**  | **PA** | **2011** | **2011** |  |  | **1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

 **On the Horizon**

* **Homologation Requirements will become more stringent**
* **Qualifications and continuing education requirements for Alpine Officials are also becoming stricter.**
* **Alpine Officials Matrix is being modified to clarify any ambiguities or inconsistencies in what is required to advance.**
* **AO Certifications Passed before December 1, 2011 for certain certifications can be applied to the current season.**

**Respectfully Submitted - April 15, 2011**

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